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SEARCH SUPPORT DEVICE AND METHOD, AND
RECORDING MEDIUM STORING PROGRAM FOR
COMPUTER TO CARRY OUT OPERATION WITH
SAID SEARCH SUPPORT DEVICE

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600
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11. ☒ Assignment (cover sheet & document(s)) to FUJITSU LIMITED, of Kawasaki, Japan
☒ for publication of assignee information under 37 CFR 1.215(b) ☐ Power of Attorney
12. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee)
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14. ☒ Foreign priority benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119 is claimed.
 - a. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) filed in prior application No. .
 - b. ☒ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) enclosed.
 - c. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) to follow.
15. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☒ Copies of IDS Citations
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 - a. ☐ enclosed herewith.
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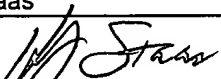
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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.55, the applicant(s) submit(s) herewith
a certified copy of the following foreign application:

Japanese Patent Application No. 10-304395

Filed: October 26, 1998

It is respectfully requested that the applicant(s) be given the benefit of the foreign filing
date(s) as evidenced by the certified papers attached hereto, in accordance with the
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